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For: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE  
HAVING A SLOTTED PARTIAL  
CIRCULAR DOMED ARCH STRIP SPRING

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 28, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed July 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent Application as follows: